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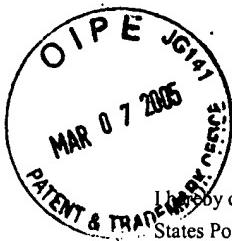
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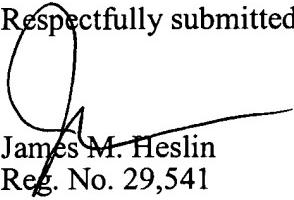
Pursuant to a telephone interview with Examiner Chattopadhyay with the undersigned on February 3, 2005, Applicants accept the Examiner's amendment to claims 77 and 78.

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Additionally, 14 replacement sheets of formal drawings (including the changes approved by the Examiner in the Drawing Amendment(s) filed 11/20/03 and 5/10/04) are submitted herewith to be made of record in the above-identified case.

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